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COACH H. LEE PRATHER HONORED

Coach "H. Lee Prather" Day was indeed a happy one for Northwestern's grand old man of basketball. The Demon mentor, veteran of 36 years of faithful service, received a watch from the "N" Club during the impressive ceremonies held in his honor during the half-time of the Demon-Gent contest, watched his sharp-shooting cagers clinch first place in the GSC, and received the best wishes from the many friends formed during his long service on the "Hill." Shown above during the performance are, left to right: James O. Lancaster, pres ident of the student body; Ernest Howell, president of the "N" Club; the honoree, Coach Lee Prather; Johnny Robertson, captain of the Demon football team; and Laddie Alexander, master of ceremonies.

Catahoula, LaSalle, Franklin Parishes Organize Clubs

The organization and reactivation of alumni clubs is going along rapidly with three clubs being organized this month and dates set for the organization of three others before the end of the month.

On Friday night, March 11, the alumni of Catahoula Parish met in Harrisonburg High School and completed the organization of a local unit of the Alumni Association.

Miss Hazel Crawford of Harrisonburg was elected president of the Catahoula group. Miss Claudine Godwin of Jonesville was elected vice president, and Miss Emma Boatner of Harrisonburg was elected secretary-treasurer. Plans were made for another meeting and appointment of appropriate committees were made.

The LaSalle Parish alumni met in the Jena High School on Monday night, March 14, with Mr. E. W. Plummer acting as temporary chairman. There was considerable discussion of the work the College is doing and the work it should do in the future. Officers were elected. Mr. E. W. Plummer of Jena was elected president, Mr. Leroy J. Aldredge was elected vice president, and Miss Evelyn Plummer was elected secretary-treasurer.

Franklin Parish alumni from all points of the parish met in Winnsboro on Tuesday night, March 15. After much discussion of the advantages of a local group organization, along with many interesting reminiscences, the group elected John Nicosia of Winnsboro as president, Stanley M. Powell of Wisner was elected vice president, and Miss Bessie Noble of Winnsboro was elected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Agnes Smith Russell of Winnsboro was elected reporter for the Alumni Columns.

President Nicosia appointed a Constitution and By-Laws Committee and a refreshment and entertainment committee for the next meeting to be held on May 2.

Other organizational meetings scheduled for March are for Richland Parish at Rayville High School on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p. m., Washington Parish at Franklinton on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 p. m. (high school building), and Ouachita Parish at Georgia Tucker School, Monroe, on Thursday night, March 31, at 7:45.

Demon Swim Team Ends Successful Season

Win Last Three Dual Meets Take Third in S.E.A.A.U.

The Demon swimmers won third place in the Southeast AAU meet in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 5, losing out to Georgia Tech and University of Miami, who won first and second places, respectively. In taking third place, the Demons won out over such strong contenders as University of Georgia, Florida State University, Emory University, NOAC, GMA, and others.

Carl Quaintance, Demon diving ace, was crowned SEAAU diving champion.

Baylor Swamped 49-26

The Demons swamped Baylor University in Waco on March 11 by piling up a score of 49-26, and winning first in every event except diving.

S. M. U. Falls 40-34

The following day, March 12, they moved into Dallas to compete with the Mustang swimmers of Southern Methodist University, where the competition was much keener. In a nip-and-tuck affair that was in doubt until the last event was over, the Demons came through with a win in the 400-yard relay (free style), which provided the winning margin of 40-34. In addition to the relay, the Demons won first in 220-yard free style, 50-yard free style, 100-yard free style, 100-yard backstroke, and diving. SMU won first in 300-yard medley relay, 100-yard breaststroke, and 440-yard free style.

Bill Stovall set a new college record in the 100-yard free style of 53.5 seconds, and the Demon 400-yard free style relay team established a new pool record in that event.

Pensacola Naval Air Station Nosed Out, 38-37

Closing out the sason in the home pool Saturday night, March 19, the Demons barely nosed out the Navy swimmers from Pensacola Naval Air Station by a score of 38-37. Trailing at the end of the first two events by a score of 9-5, the Demons placed first and second in the next three to forge ahead 29-12, a lead the Navy

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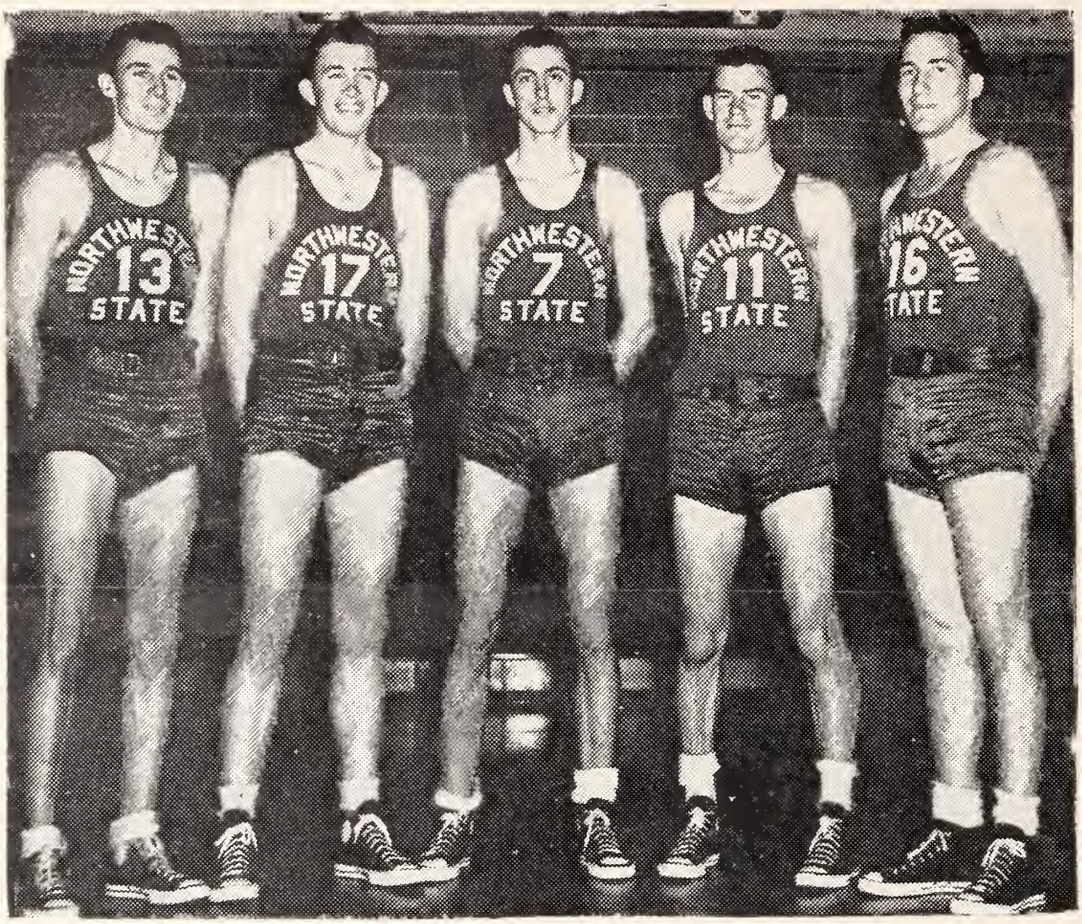

Winners of the Gulf States Conference championship and district representatives at the NAIB tournament in Kansas City, these five men constituted the starting five for most of the season's games. They are, reading from left to right: Claude Stoutamire, forward; Leslie McConathy, guard; Bernard Waggoner, center; Jim Willis, guard; and Buddy Bates, forward.

Demons Win Gulf States Basketball Crown

Represent District in NAIB

Staging a strong finish in Gulf States Conference competition by defeating the Centenary Gents in the last two games, the Demons clinched the conference crown with a record of 14 wins and 2 losses. Centenary was second in conference standing with 11 wins and 5 losses.

Although the conference championship was definitely decided in favor of the Demons after winning the first game with Centenary, they went on to win the second game as a clincher for the right to represent the district in the NAIB tournament at Kansas City. Both games were hotly contested, however, with the Demons winning by scores of 52-49 and 53-50.

Demons Go To Kansas City

Thirty-two picked teams from all over the United States and Hawaii met in Kansas City the week of March 7-12 to fight it out for the NAIB championship.

The Demons met College of Puget Sound of Tacoma, Wash., in their first battle and won going away by a score of 70-58. They moved into the quarterfinals by defeating Brigham Young University, 59-57. St. Regis College of Denver was the next opponent in the quarterfinals, and they eliminated the Demons by a score of 56-51. St. Regis went to the finals, where they were defeated by Hamline for the championship.

Season Record

The overall record for the entire season shows the Demons won a total of 23 games while losing 5. Claude (Jodie) Stoutamire and Bernard (Tussie) Waggoner were the leading scorers for the conference. According to latest figures for the season, Stoutamire scored a total of 476 points while Waggoner was second with a total of 471 points for the 28 games played.

Total points scored by the Demons were 1,675 for a game average of 59.82, while all opponents scored a total of 1,320 for a game average of 47.14.

Basketball Letters Awarded

Eleven members of the Gulf States Conference champion Demon basketball squad and one student manager have been awarded letters by the Athletic Council on recommendation of Coach H. Lee Prather.

Those receiving their letters for the 1948-1949 season are: Claude Stoutamire and Artie Ranew, both of Tallahassee, Florida; Buddy Bates, Calvin; Bernard Waggoner, Tullos; Herchal McConathy, Florien; Leslie McConathy and Johnny McConathy, both of Gibsland; DeWitt Patten, Bossier City; Linwood Outz, Minden; Jim Willis, Doyline; Edward Moore, Natchitoches; and Student Manager Edgar Gaddis, Bryceland.

Cupid's Doings

Miss Anne Mays and Lt. Lloyd A. Rutledge, United States Air Force, were married at Kingshighway Christian Church in Shreveport on February 26. Lieutenant and Mrs. Rutledge will be stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Edna Oakes of Leesville and Mr. Marvin S. Houston of Allen Parish were married at the Methodist parsonage in DeRidder on February 23. The bride has been teaching in Vernon Parish. The young couple will reside at Route 3, Pitkin, where Mr. Houston is engaged in farming and the sawmill business.

Miss Alice Sue Brown of Shreveport and Mr. Edgar H. de Lesseps of Shreveport were married at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church on February 26. They will make their home in Shreveport.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, Jr., have announced the birth of a son, Michael Rahl Kennedy, in January at Winnfield. Mrs. Kennedy is the former Margaret Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley L. Masingill of 1110 Kentucky Street, Lake Charles, have announced the birth of a daughter, Sandra Ruth, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Lake Charles, on January 16. Mrs. Masingill is the former Bettie McBrayer. Both parents were in the College in 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. Burgess of 5763 Henderson, Baton Rouge, have announced the arrival of a daughter, Katie Jane Burgess, at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Burgess is the former Alice Collier, A. B. '44, of Oakdale.

T. W. McELWEE, JR.

Tandy W. McElwee, Jr. (Little Mac), is the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tandy W. McElwee of Jonesville. Little Mac is pictured here at the age of 13 months. Mr. McElwee, A. B. '38, is principal of the Block High School in Jonesville, and Mrs. McElwee is the former Abbie Randall, ex-'41.

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Track Team Works for Hammond Meet

When the whistle sounded ending the spring football practice, Coach Harry Turpin immediately began prepping the track team for the initial meet with Southeastern and Southwestern at Hammond on April 2.

Winning the LIC championship in 1946 and 1947, and losing in 1948 by one point, the Demon trackmen are working hard to develop a team that will rate among the top teams for the first year of track competition in the Gulf States Conference. The loss of such standouts as Billy Hudson in the sprints, John Patton in the hurdles, and others by graduation, will call for able substitutes in several departments.

Trent Melder, who competes in the distance races, is captain of the squad this year.

In the sprints will be found Ernest Bateman, Royce Taylor, J. O. Lancaster, James Beck, Nick Fragala, Kenneth Isgitt, Johnny Emmons, Milo Norris, Harold Seabaugh, Dave Coyle, Steve Cole, Bobby Davis, John Ropp and Cecil Givens, all but four of whom have just completed spring football practice.

Topping the sticks in the hurdles are George Pharis, Dan Poole, and John Collins.

Quarter-mile, half-mile, and distance runners will come from Leslie McConathy, James Poole, Gus Broussard, Circe Gamble, Sam Davis, John Torbett, Henry Hand, Johnny McConathy, Jerry Wise, Douglas Chamberlain and Trent Melder.

In the field events Billy Losey, Warren Hauth, Q. T. Ford, John Thompson, Huey P. Thomas, Sid Morell, Mac Carter, Bill Barnidge and Ralph Combs will handle the javelin, shotput and discus. Claude Stoutamire and Dan Poole will handle the high jump, and Carl Quaintance will do the pole vaulting.

Golf Coach Jim Schultz and his number one and two boys, Sam Antony, left, and Malcolm Russell. Antony, last year's LIC medalist, has set his cap for the first Gulf States Conference golf championship trophy, and Coach Schultz says he has the stuff to go all the way. The golf team, with only Antony and Russell left over from last year, have had matches with Mississippi Southern in Hattiesburg, Spring Hill College in Mobile, and Southeastern in Hammond. They lost the first two matches but won against Southeastern. New members of the team this year are Jerry West of Natchitoches, John T. Bowman of Hodge, and O'Hern V. Dufour of Natchitoches.

Wanda and Warren Ward are the two lovely young children of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ward of Lake Providence. Mr. Ward, A. B. '34, is principal of the Lake Providence High School, and Mrs. Ward is the former Gladys Sirmon, A. B. '35.

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Here 'n There

Miss Doris Lucille Ott, B. S. '47, of Bellwood, La., received the Master of Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, on February 5.

Paul Buckley, PFC, has recently been transferred from Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio to Perrin Air Force Base in Sherman, Texas. Paul has been in service for the past 18 months.

Miss Jamyma Ann Lewis, ex-'17, of Minden, has recently been appointed secretary of the Minden Chamber of Commerce. Miss Lewis was majoring in Mathematics while a student at the College.

Demons Place Two on All-GSC Team
SLC, SLI, and LPI Place One Each

The Demons placed two men on the Gulf States Conference all-opponent basketball team with Louisiana Tech, Southeastern and Southwestern sharing the other three places.

Unanimous choice for one of the forward positions was Claude (Jodie) Stoutamire with Cole of Southeastern being the other choice at forward. Bernard (Tussie) Waggoner led the balloting for the center position. At guard positions, Elkind of Southwestern and Tom Herrin of Louisiana Tech were selected. (A second ballot between Herrin and C. Strong of Centenary was necessary to determine the winner, as each of them received the same number of votes in the first ballot).

The second team is composed of Catha of Southwestern and Latham of Louisiana Tech at the forward positions, Owens of Southeastern at center, and Cleve Strong of Centenary and Rehm of Loyola at the guard positions.

Honorable mention: Johnson of Centenary, Carroll of Louisiana Tech, Murphy of Spring Hill, Leslie McConathy of NSC, Veatch of Centenary, Miley of Southeastern, and Looney of Louisiana Tech.

Bobby Townsend, born March 24, 1946, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldrege Townsend of 4638 Sweetbriar Street, Baton Rouge. Mr. Townsend last attended the College in 1939, and Mrs. Townsend is the former Myrtle Inez McGhee, A. B. '41, of Ville Platte.

HISTORIC COLUMNS REPAIRED

Two of the three remaining columns that graced the tetrastyle portico of the old Bullard mansion have just been straightened up and given a new concrete base. Originally, there were four columns that stood alongside Caldwell Hall on the site where Judge Henry Adams Bullard (1788-1851) built a magnificent Greek Colonial home in 1832 for his lovely wife, Sarah Maria Kaiser Adams, but one of them was pulled down about 12 years ago because it was thought to be in danger of falling.

These two columns, just repaired, were leaning at a dangerous angle because the foundation on one side was giving way, and they were assuming a position similar to that of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. In digging around the base of the columns, the crew discovered that the front edges were supported by a chain brick foundation while the back sections were supported only by the natural soil.

Since the building of which these columns were a part was torn down in 1913, the earth settled so much on the back side that they were leaning dangerously, and would, in all probability, topple over before too long.

In an effort to preserve these historic links with the past, Mr. W. W. Wilson, superintendent of grounds, and his crew of men rigged up an ingenious device to pull them back into plumb and then poured a new concrete foundation that should hold them straight for future generations to view.

When asked about his chances of success in straightening the columns, Mr. Wilson said: "If I don't succeed in doing this job, I may as well get ready to move when the old grads come back for homecoming this spring."

LT. KAY

First Lt. Letha Lee Kay, ex-'40, of Provencal, was a visitor on the campus this winter. Lieutenant Kay is now stationed with the Philippine Command in Manila.

After graduation from the Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans, she entered the Army Nurse Corps and was commissioned first lieutenant at El Paso, Texas. When her basic training was completed, she was sent to Army Base Hospital in Nurenburg, Germany. While there she sat in on the Nazi war criminals trials and, at one time, Goering was her patient.

Lieutenant Kay was then transferred to the Disabled Veterans' Hospital in Phoenixville, Pa., where the patients presented her, on her departure, with numerous gifts, including brooches, ear screws, buttons and bracelets made of sea shells and fish scales painted in pastel colors, all made by disabled veterans.

Fourth NSC Foreign Language Meet

Language scholars from leading colleges, universities and high schools in Louisiana and ten other states will take part in the fourth annual Foreign Language conference sponsored by Northwestern State College, to be held April 1 and 2, Dr. G. Waldo Dunnington, associate professor of German and director of the conference, announced today.

The Central theme of this year's conference will be "Crusading for Public Interest in Foreign Languages;" papers delivered in the sessions developing this theme are expected to attract nearly 200 visitors.

Highlighting the conference will be addresses by the guest lecturers, Dr. Aaron Schaffer, chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, University of Texas; and Dr. Bayard Quincy Morgan, professor and head of Department of Germanic Languages, emeritus, Stanford University. Professor Veikko Vaananen, University of Helsinki, Finland, will speak on Linguistics in the Classroom.

One feature of the gathering will be a panel discussion led by Dr. E. Lee Ford of Centenary College. It is expected that some of the sessions will be broadcast over KWCJ.

Friday afternoon's meeting will be divided into sections devoted to French, German, Spanish and Italian. Immediately following these sections an informal reception for all conference participants and any interested visitors will be held in the drawing room of Varnado Hall.

A dinner will be held on Friday evening, at which President Gibson will convey the greetings and welcome of the college. Immediately after the dinner Dr. David M. Robinson, professor of Archaeology and Classics, University of Mississippi, will give an illustrated lecture on Classical Sites in Greece and Italy; it will require one hour to show these colored movies. The conference will close with a luncheon on Saturday, April 2, at which Dean Dugdale will greet the guests. The luncheon speaker will be Professor Aaron Schaffer, University of Texas.

A feature of the conference week will be a Goethe exhibit in the library, culled from the Dunnington collection.

LT. BASSO

First Lt. Johnnie M. Basco, ex-'46, of Zwolle, is now enrolled in an Air Installations Engineering Special Staff Officer Course at the USAF Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio. During the war Lieutenant Basco served extensively as a B-25 bomber pilot with the 14th Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater of war. Before entering the USAF Institute of Technology in January, he was stationed at Walker AF Base, Roswell, New Mexico, as adjutant of the Installation Squadron.

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Fliers were never able to overcome.

Pensacola won first in 300-yard medley relay, 100-yard breaststroke, 440-yard free style, and 400-yard medley relay. The Demons took first in 220-yard free style, 50-yard free style, diving, 100-yard free style, and 100-yard backstroke.

As a climax to the season, Coach John Piscopo was thrown into the pool by the Demon team. The team then lined up on the diving board and gave a demonstration of comic diving.

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